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TO: Board Members

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Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Programs**

The following is a summary of the Executive Officer's decisions for vocational nursing and psychiatric technician programs.

#### **Effective February 4, 2009:**

#### **1. Allied Medical & Health Services Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Nombert Valencia, Glendale, Los Angeles County, Private)**

Allied Medical & Health Services Vocational Nursing Program completed a Program Records Survey in September 2008 to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Three (3) violations were noted and corrected.

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation of the Allied Medical & Health Services Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 4, 2009, through February 3, 2013, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly.

#### **2. Community Enhancement Services College – Request to Begin a Vocational Nursing Program (Director: Natalie Gayle, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)**

Community Enhancement Services College requested approval to commence a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 20 students. The proposed class would commence March 2, 2009, and is projected to graduate June 5, 2010.

The Executive Officer approved Community Enhancement Services College to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 20 students on March 2, 2009, only, with a projected graduation date of June 5, 2009, and approved the program curriculum for 1560 hours, including 600 theory and 960 clinical hours.

**3. Healthcare Career College – Request to Begin a Psychiatric Technician Program (Director: Laura Smith McKenna, Concord, Contra Costa County, Private)**

Healthcare Career College requested approval to commence a psychiatric technician program with an initial class of 30 students. The proposed class would commence March 15, 2009, and is projected to graduate March 20, 2010.

The Executive Officer approved Healthcare Career College to begin a psychiatric technician program with an initial class of 30 students on March 15, 2009, only, with a projected graduation date of March 20, 2010, and approved the program curriculum for 1560 hours, including 601 theory and 959 clinical hours.

**4. Joseph's School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Initial Accreditation Survey Visit; Request to Admit Students (Director: Adenike Joseph, Lancaster, Los Angeles County – Private)**

Joseph's School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program was inspected on November 5-6, 2008 to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Two (2) violations were identified. Those violations were corrected after the visit. The program also requested Board approval to admit a class of 30 students to commence March 2, 2009, with a projected graduation of February 26, 2010, to **replace** students graduating February 27, 2009. Additionally, the program requests approval to commence an evening class of 20 students on May 4, 2009, with a projected date of graduation of April 30, 2010.

The Executive Officer approved full accreditation of Joseph's School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 4, 2009, through February 3, 2013, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly; approved the program's request to admit a class of 30 students to commence March 2, 2009, only, with a projected graduation of February 26, 2010, to **replace** students graduating February 27, 2009; and approved the program's request to admit an evening class of 20 students to commence May 4, 2009, only, with a projected date of graduation of April 30, 2010.

**5. Mission College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Marsha Oliver, Santa Clara County, Community College)**

Mission College Vocational Nursing Program completed a Program Records Survey in December 2008 to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation of the Mission College Vocational Nursing Program for the period of May 13, 2009, through May 12, 2013, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly.

**6. Unitek College, Fremont, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Virginia Armstrong, Fremont, Alameda County, Private)**

Unitex College, Fremont, Vocational Nursing Program completed a Program Records Survey in January 2009 to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation for the Unitek College, Fremont, Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from February 4, 2009, through February 3, 2013, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly.

**7. WestMed College, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Anne Abriam, San Jose, Santa Clara County, Private)**

WestMed College, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program completed a Program Records Survey in December 2008 to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Six violations were identified. Three were subsequently corrected. Three will be analyzed by the director with a plan of correction to be submitted by March 10, 2009.

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation for WestMed College, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from February 4, 2009, through February 3, 2012, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly.

A follow-up report will be presented to the Executive Officer relative to the status of the program and specific actions taken to correct the identified violations by March 31, 2009.

**Effective February 27, 2009:**

**8. Advanced Pro Technology Institute Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Replace a Class (Director: Linda Pousson, Hayward, Alameda County, Private)**

Advanced Pro Technology Institute Vocational Nursing Program requested approval for ongoing admission of two full-time classes each year effective March 2, 2009. Thirty students are requested per class. Each class is proposed to commence 90 days after the graduation date of the previous class.

The Executive Officer denied Advanced Pro Technology Institute Vocational Nursing Program's request for ongoing admissions of two full-time classes each year effective March 2, 2009; approved the program's admission of a class of 30 students on March 2, 2009, only, with a projected graduation date of June 13, 2010, to **replace** students that graduated in November 2008; and required the program director to submit a follow-up report relative to the status of the program by March 31, 2009. The report should

include a full analysis of the program, identification of factors contributing to the program's low pass rates, and specific actions the program will take to improve its pass rates on the licensure examination. If the program's pass rates for the next quarter remain in violation of California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (I), the program will be sent a notice of defects and placed on the September 2009 Board Meeting agenda for consideration of placement on provisional accreditation.

**9. Anderson Medical Career College, North Hollywood, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Jocylane Dinsay, North Hollywood, Los Angeles, Private)**

This program was placed on provisional accreditation on February 1, 2008, through January 31, 2010, due to low pass rates on the licensure examination. The director of Anderson Medical Career College, North Hollywood, requested to admit 45 students into its part-time class, on March 7, 2009, with a graduation date of April 11, 2011, and 45 students into its full-time class on April 20, 2009, with a graduation date of April 16, 2010. These classes are requested to **replace** the part-time class of students graduating on March 4, 2009 and the full-time class of students graduating on April 17, 2009.

The Executive Officer denied Anderson Medical College, North Hollywood, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 45 students into the part-time program as a **replacement** class for students graduating March 4, 2009; denied the program's request to admit 45 students into the full-time program of 43 weeks beginning on April 20, 2009, as a **replacement** class to those students graduating April 17, 2009; approved the admission of 35 students into the part-time program on March 7, 2009, as a replacement class for students graduating March 4, 2009; and approved the admission of 35 students into the full-time program on April 20, 2009, as a replacement class for students graduating April 17, 2009. The reduction in the number of students to be admitted was determined because the program's licensure examination pass rates have declined and are non-compliant with applicable regulations.

**10. College of Nursing and Technology Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director Tally Breitstein, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The College of Nursing and Technology requested Board approval to admit 36 students into its part-time, evening and weekend class on March 1, 2009, to **replace** students who graduated on February 4, 2009. The proposed class will graduate on August 6, 2010.

The Executive Officer approved College of Nursing and Technology Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a part-time class of 36 students starting March 1, 2009.

**11. Concorde Career College, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Class Size (Director: Angelia Monroy, San Diego County, Private)**

The director of Concorde Career College, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to increase class size from 30 students to 36 students in each of three Board-approved classes per year.

The Executive Officer approved Concorde Career College, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program's request to increase class size from 30 to 36 students into each of the three Board-approved classes per year.

**12. Four-D College, Victorville, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions (Director: Jean Stevenson, Victorville, Kern County, Private)**

The director of Four-D College, Victorville, Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to admit a part-time day class of 30 students in March and September of each year. The program currently has Board approval for ongoing admissions for 4 full-time classes of 45 students and the director is requesting to increase frequency of admissions to six times a year.

The Executive Officer approved Four-D College, Victorville, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit two additional part-time day classes of 30 students in March and September each year; approved the program's request to amend its pattern of ongoing admissions to six times a year with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes admission of one full-time class of 45 students in February, May, August and November of each year, and admission of one part-time class of 30 students in March and September of each year, and
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**13. Healthcare Education Advancement Center Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Replace Students (Director: Violeta Doles Arevalo, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Healthcare Education Advancement Center, Inc. Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to admit a class of 30 students into its part-time class on March 30, 2009, to **replace** part-time students graduating March 15, 2009. The proposed class is projected to complete program requirements on August 14, 2010.

The Executive Officer approved Healthcare Education Advancement Center, Inc. Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a part-time class on March 30, 2009, only, to **replace** part-time students graduating on March 15, 2009. The projected completion date of the requested class is August 14, 2010.

**14. Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Donna Ocampo, San Jose, Santa Clara County, Private)**

The Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a day class of 60 students and six alternates commencing March 2, 2009, only, with a projected date of graduation of May 21, 2010. The proposed class would **replace** students who completed course requirements on December 19, 2008.

The Executive Officer approved the Institute of Medical Education, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time day class of 60 students and six alternates commencing March 2, 2009, only, with a projected graduation date of May 21, 2010, to **replace** students who completed course requirements on December 19, 2008, and required the program to submit a follow-up report by March 31, 2009. The report should include, but not be limited to, a full analysis of the program, identification of factors contributing to the program's low pass rates on the NCLEX/PN<sup>®</sup>, and specific actions the program will take to improve its pass rates.

**15. Palladium Technical Academy Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Initial Accreditation Survey Visit; Request to Admit Students (Director: Ann Catone, El Monte, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Palladium Technical Academy Vocational Nursing Program was inspected on January 28 and 29, 2009, to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. One violation was noted and subsequently corrected. Additionally, the director requested admission of a full-time class of 45 students to start in June 2009, to **replace** students graduating on May 19, 2009.

The Executive Officer approved initial full accreditation for Palladium Technical Academy Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 27, 2009, through February 26, 2013, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly; and approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 45 students in June 2009, to **replace** students graduating on May 19, 2009.

**16. Prime Career College, Vallejo, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Shirley Hiles, Vallejo, Solano County, Private)**

The director of Prime Career College, Vallejo, Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to admit a full-time evening class of 30 students on March 2, 2009, to **replace** students who graduated on December 19, 2008. The projected graduation date for the replacement is April 30, 2010.

The Executive Officer approved Prime Career College, Vallejo, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a full-time evening **replacement** class on March 2, 2009; and required the program to submit an analysis of the program which shall provide identification of problems and a specific plan of action to correct the problems and issues of noncompliance relative to section 2530(l) of the Vocational

Nursing Rules and Regulations. This analysis and plan of action is to be submitted to the Board by March 27, 2009.

**17. Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit a Class (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Bakersfield, Kern County, Private)**

The director of Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to admit a second full-time evening class of 30 students to begin on March 16, 2009, with a projected graduation date of May 21, 2010. The program would have two full-time evening classes with one full-time day class until July 30, 2009, when the current evening class graduates.

The Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a second full-time evening class of 30 students on March 16, 2009.

**18. Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions and Request to Admit Students (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, Private)**

The director of Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to admit 20 students each into a full-time evening class beginning March 16, 2009, and a full-time day class beginning May 26, 2009, to **replace** students graduating May 21, 2009. The projected graduation date for the evening class is May 21, 2010, and the projected graduation date for the day class is July 29, 2010.

The Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit 20 students into a full-time evening class beginning March 16, 2009, only to **replace** students graduating May 21, 2009; and approved the program's request to admit 20 students into a full-time day class beginning May 26, 2009 only to **replace** students graduating May 21, 2009.

**Effective March 18, 2009:**

**19. Career Development Institute Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit a Class (Director: May Ying – Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)**

Career Development Institute Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to admit a class of 15 students commencing July 17, 2009, with an anticipated graduation date of October 10, 2010. The proposed class would **replace** the class completing program requirements on July 2, 2009.

The Executive Officer approved Career Development Institute Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 15 students commencing July 17, 2009, with an anticipated graduation of October 10, 2010 only, to **replace** the class completing program requirements on July 2, 2009, and required the program to submit a follow-up report by

April 30, 2009. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions to improve the program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and expected outcomes. The following elements must be addressed in your analysis:

- a. Admission Criteria.
- b. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- c. Terminal Objectives.
- d. Curriculum Objectives.
- e. Instructional Plan.
- f. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- g. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- h. List of Textbooks.
- i. Attendance Policy.
- j. Remediation Policy.
- k. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- l. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- m. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.

**20. Charter College, Canyon Country Campus, (formerly Clarita Career College) Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Anne Anderson, Canyon Country, Los Angeles County, Private)**

Charter College, Canyon Country Campus, Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a class of 30 students commencing June 15, 2009, with a projected graduation of August 21, 2010. The proposed class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate June 13, 2009. Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students commencing September 28, 2009, with a projected graduation of December 4, 2010. The proposed class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate September 26, 2009.

The Executive Officer approved Charter College, Canyon Country Campus, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 30 students to commence June 15, 2009, only, with a projected graduation of August 21, 2010, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate June 13, 2009; and approved the program's request to admit a class of 30 students to commence September 28, 2009, only, with a projected graduation of December 4, 2010, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate September 26, 2009.

**21. CSI Career College Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Jennifer Cannon, Vacaville, Solano County, Private)**

CSI Career College Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit 30 students into its evening class commencing April 20, 2009, with an anticipated graduation of September 27, 2010. The proposed class would **replace** students who completed program requirements on December 20, 2008.

The Executive Officer approved CSI Career College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into its evening class commencing April 20, 2009, only,



with an anticipated graduation of September 27, 2010. The proposed class would **replace** students who completed program requirements on December 20, 2008, and placed the program on the May 22, 2009, Board Meeting agenda for consideration of placement on provisional accreditation.

**22. El Monte – Rosemead Adult School Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Angela Cheung, El Monte, Los Angeles County, Adult School)**

The El Monte – Rosemead Adult School Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a class of fifteen (15) students and one (1) alternate commencing August 31, 2009, only, with a projected date of graduation of August 20, 2010. The proposed class would **replace** students scheduled to complete course requirements on August 21, 2009.

The Executive Officer approved El Monte – Rosemead Adult School Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 15 students and one alternate commencing August 31, 2009, only, with a projected date of graduation of August 20, 2010, to **replace** students scheduled to complete course requirements on August 21, 2009.

**23. North-West College, Pasadena, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Erma Zins, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The director of North-West College, Pasadena, Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to admit a class of 30 students on March 30, 2009, to **replace** students graduating March 27, 2009.

The Executive Officer approved the admission of 30 students to a full-time class on March 30, 2009, to **replace** students graduating on March 27, 2009, only.

**24. Shepherd University Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Hyunmie Kim, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The director of Shepherd University Vocational Nursing Program requested Board approval to admit a class of 30 students on April 13, 2009, to **replace** students graduating April 4, 2009.

The Executive Officer approved Shepherd University Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 30 students to start April 13, 2009, to replace the class graduating April 4, 2009.

**Effective April 1, 2009:**

**25. Excel Vocational Center Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Closure (Director: Elijah Nacionales, San Pedro, Los Angeles County; Private)**

The director of Excel Vocational Center Vocational Nursing Program notified the Board of closure of the vocational nursing program, effective March 10, 2009.

The Executive Officer directed staff to remove Excel Vocational Center Vocational Nursing Program from the Board's list of *Accredited Vocational Nursing Schools*.

**Effective April 8, 2009:**

**26. College of the Siskiyous Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Gerri Fedora, Weed, Siskiyou County, Private)**

The College of the Siskiyous Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a class of 30 students commencing August 17, 2009, only, with a projected date of graduation of December 20, 2010. Additionally, the program requested approval to admit a class of 30 students commencing January 10, 2011, only, with a projected date of graduation of May 25, 2012. The program is currently approved to admit a class of 30 students every eighteen (18) months.

The Executive Officer approved College of the Siskiyous Vocational Nursing Program's requests to admit a class of 30 students commencing August 17, 2009, only, with a projected date of graduation of December 20, 2010, and to admit a class of 30 students commencing January 10, 2011, only, with a projected date of graduation of May 25, 2012.

**27. Healthcare College of California Vocational Nursing Program- Request to Admit Students (Director Milva Quial, Stockton, San Joaquin County, Private)**

The director of the Healthcare College of California Vocational Nursing Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 40 students on April 22, 2009, to **replace** students who will be graduating April 11, 2009.

The Executive Officer approved admission of 20 students on April 22, 2009, only, to replace the 34 students who will graduate on April 18, 2009. Additionally, the program must submit a follow-up report by April 30, 2009. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions to improve the program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and expected outcomes. The following elements are to be addressed in the analysis:

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